

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 16 and 18-25 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10-13 and 18-20 have been amended and claims 21-25 have been added by the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 7, 9, 10, 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Dunn et al.; and claims 2-5, 11-13, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Dunn et al. in view of Farris.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include some of the subject matter similar to that recited in dependent claims 4 and 5. Independent claims 10 and 18 include similar features in a varying scope. In more detail, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that storing the calling party number includes comparing an area code of the calling party number with an area code of the termination subscriber, storing the calling party number exclusive of the area code if the two area codes are identical to each other, and storing both the area code and the corresponding calling party number if the two area codes are different from each other.

Regarding the features recited in dependent claims 4 and 5, the Office Action relies on Farris et al. as teaching similar features and cites column 13, line 14 to column 15, line 4. In more detail, the Office Action indicates Farris teaches comparing an area code (collected

dial digits) of the calling party number and an area code (stored password) of its own office, and storing only the calling party number if the two area codes are identical to each other and storing both the area code and the calling party number if the two area codes are different to each other.

However, it is respectfully noted the term “area code” has a specific meaning, which is well known in the art. For example, a typical Virginia area code is “703,” a Washington, D.C. area code is “202” etc. Farris does not teach or suggest comparing and storing area codes as claimed in the present invention. Rather, Farris teaches comparing dialed digits with a password. The dialed digits and stored password do not correspond to area codes.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 1, 10 and 18 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

Further, dependent claim 3 recites that the calling party number is not stored if a terminal of the termination subscriber is busy. The Office Action relies on column 7, lines 50-58 and column 9, lines 32-37 of Farris as teaching this feature. However, it is respectfully noted this section does not indicate that a calling party number is not stored if a terminal of the terminal subscriber is busy.

In addition, new dependent claims 21-23, which depend respectively on independent claims 1, 10 and 18, have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope. For example, dependent claim 10 recites that storing the calling party number further includes storing only the last calling party number such that the last calling party number may be

automatically called back by entering the calling party confirmation request. These features are supported in the specification at least at page 13, lines 13-17, for example. It is respectfully submitted the applied art does not teach or suggest these features. Further, new dependent claims 24 and 25 correspond to features removed from independent claims 1 and 10 (and which were similarly recited in dependent claim 6, for example).

In addition, the specification has been amended to correct minor informalities. It is believed no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

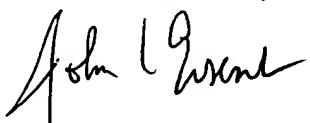
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, David A. Bilodeau, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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